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## Senate

The Senate met at 9:29 and was called to order by the President pro tempore [Mr. THURMOND].

### PRAYER

The Chaplain, Dr. Lloyd John Ogilvie, offered the following prayer:

Almighty God, ultimate Judge of us all, free us from the pejorative judgements that put others down when they do not agree with us. We develop a litmus test to judge others. Sometimes, when they don't measure up, we question their value and make condemnatory judgements of them. Most serious of all, we think our categorization justifies our lack of prayer for them. Often we self-righteously neglect in our prayers the very people who most need Your blessing.

Give us Samuel's heart to say, "Far be it from me that I should sin against the Lord in ceasing to pray for you."—I Samuel 12:23. Remind us that You alone have the power to change the minds and hearts of people if we will be faithful to pray for them. Make us intercessors for all those You have placed on our hearts—even those we previously have condemned with our judgements. We accept Your authority: "Judgement is mine, says the Lord." I pray this in the Name of Jesus who, with Moses and the prophets, taught us to do to others what we would wish they would do to us. Amen.

### RECOGNITION OF THE ACTING MAJORITY LEADER

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. The able acting majority leader is recognized.

### SCHEDULE

Mr. COATS. Mr. President, today the Senate will resume consideration of the defense authorization bill. Currently pending to that bill is a Hutchinson amendment relating to China. It

is expected that a tabling motion will be made on that amendment at approximately 10:15 a.m. this morning. Further votes could occur with respect to the defense bill prior to the 12:30 policy luncheon recess. Under a previous order, following the party lunches at 2:15, the Senate will proceed to a cloture vote on the defense bill. Members are reminded that under rule XXII they have until 12:30 p.m. today to file second-degree amendments to the defense bill.

The leader would like to remind all Members that there are only 4 days left before the Independence Day recess. There are still several important items to be considered this week, including appropriations bills, the conference reports accompanying the Coverdell education bill, the IRS reform bill, the Higher Education Act, and any other legislative or executive items that may be cleared for action also may be considered this week. Therefore, the cooperation of all Members will be needed to successfully complete the Senate's work this week.

I thank my colleagues for their attention.

Mr. President, I yield the floor.

### RESERVATION OF LEADER TIME

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. ALLARD). Under the previous order, the leadership time is reserved.

### NATIONAL DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION ACT FOR FISCAL YEAR 1999

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Under the previous order, the Senate will now resume consideration of S. 2057, which the clerk will report.

The assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (S. 2057) to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 1999 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the

Department of Energy, to prescribe personnel strengths for such fiscal year for the Armed Forces, and for other purposes.

The Senate resumed consideration of the bill.

Pending:

Feinstein amendment No. 2405, to express the sense of the Senate regarding the Indian nuclear tests.

Brownback amendment No. 2407 (to amendment No. 2405), to repeal a restriction on the provision of certain assistance and other transfers to Pakistan.

Warner motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on Armed Services with instructions to report back forthwith with all amendments agreed to in status quo and with a Warner amendment No. 2735 (to the instructions on the motion to recommit), condemning forced abortions in the People's Republic of China.

Warner amendment No. 2736 (to the instructions of the motion to recommit), of a perfecting nature.

Warner modified amendment No. 2737 (to amendment No. 2736), condemning human rights abuses in the People's Republic of China.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Arkansas.

### AMENDMENT NO. 2737, AS MODIFIED

Mr. HUTCHINSON. Mr. President, am I correct in my understanding, the Warner-Hutchinson amendment is the pending business?

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Amendment No. 2737 is pending.

Mr. HUTCHINSON. Mr. President, I would like to speak for a few minutes about that amendment which I authored and which I anticipate Senator WARNER will move, at 10:15, to table.

It has become evident to me that tabling motions in this institution at one time were far more meaningful; that in this case there will be an effort to vote against tabling, simply for the purpose of making that vote meaningless. There are those who simply do not want a straight up or down, clean vote

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